



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3772**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Frank BONADIO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3772
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Application No.: 10/600,812)	Examiner: Bianco, Patricia
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Filed: June 20, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 7588
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For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN)	
SURGERY AND A VALVE)	

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2009, the period for response extending to September 3, 2009 by the three-month Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Specification are included and begin on page 3 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet. The amendments are discussed on page 10 of this Amendment and are also illustrated in the attached annotated drawing sheet.

Remarks follow the amendments sections and begin on page 11 of this Amendment.

Attachments to this reply include **one (1) Replacement Drawing Sheet (FIG. 9)** and **one (1) Annotated Drawing Sheet (FIG. 9)**.